

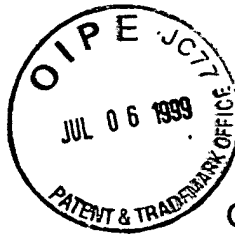
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 1999. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Office Action.

REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-17 were pending. Actually, claims 3 and 4 had been cancelled in our response filed on February 17, 1999. Only claims 1, 2 and 5-17 are pending.

Claim Rejection -- 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2 and 5-17 were rejected as obvious over Lewis (Methods in Enzymology, Vol. XIII, pp. 615-616, 1969) in view of Lowenstein (US 3,764,692).